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Lecture Series on

“Paradigm Shifts in Comparative Literature through the Ages across Cultures”

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About *Bharathidasan University*

Bharathidasan University (BDU) is a state university aiming towards a pursuit of excellence in teaching, learning, research and extension of knowledge through higher education. BDU is accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) in the third cycle. It functions with the motto “We will create a brave new world”. Its mission is to promote scholarly, scientific and critical inquiry among the learners for elevating them as the citizens of the state, the nation, and the world by offering nationally and internationally competitive learning and creative activity through quality programmes of teaching, research, and extension. The University has 4 Faculties, 16 Schools, 37 Departments, and 29 Specialized Research centers and it offers 151 academic programmes including 40 Post Graduate Courses.

About *Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute*

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is a bi-national organization that facilitates exchanges and collaborations in academia on bi-national corridors. The institute aims towards intellectual and cultural bondage between the countries to enhance quality of life among the people. The SICI is mutually supported and mandated by both the governments. There is a strong base of 131 Indian and 37 Canadian member institutions, for past 53 years, with its physical presence in New Delhi, India and Calgary, Canada. Funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, it supports diverse disciplines including Social Sciences, Humanities, Science & Technology, Biotechnology, Agriculture, Arts, Literature, Culture, Law, Business, Economic Reform, etc. and covers all levels of higher education from undergraduate to post doctorate and from faculty to collaborative research.



About the *Centre for Canadian Studies*

The Centre for Canadian Studies was established in 1992 to facilitate better understanding of India and Canada through the promotion of academic activities pertaining to the Humanities. Our Centre for Canadian Studies has renewed its membership with Shastri Indo Canadian Institute from 2018 and this renewal has created an academic space for research, partnership and collaboration with Canadian Member Institutions. Moreover, it encourages the faculty members, scholars and students of University Departments and Centres to explore the multiple research possibilities offered by Shastri Indo Canadian Institute.



Who can participate?

Faculty Member, Researchers, Ph.D Scholars, Post Graduate and Under Graduate Students and Freelance Writers

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Date and Time	Resource Person	Title of the Lecture
16 March 2022 11:00 am-11:30 am (IST)	 Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute	Inauguration Join at: meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho
16 March 2022 11:30 am-12:30 pm (IST) Prof. Marudhanayagam, Former Professor, Dept. of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	 Prof. Marudhanayagam is the former Head of the Department of English, Pondicherry University. He joined Pondicherry University as Professor in the Department of English in 1986. He specialises in Comparative Literature. He is the Recipient of the Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil award for 2013 instituted by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil.	The Meaning of Life: Plato and Thiruvalluvar Join at: meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho
17 March 2022 02:30pm- 3:30pm (IST) Prof. S. Armstrong, Professor and Head Department of English, University of Madras, Chennai	 Prof. S. Armstrong specializes in Language and Linguistics, Canadian First Nations Literatures and Cultural studies. He has around 25 years of experience with various achievements including Shastri Indo-Canadian Fellowship at the University of Guelph during (1999-2000), Fulbright Nehru Visiting Lecturership, (2009-10), and Shastri Membership Development Grant(2017-18).	Canadian Native Women's Writings: Texts and Contexts Join at: meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho
18 March 2022 02:30 pm- 3:30pm (IST) Prof. H. Kalpana, Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	 Prof. Kalpana specializes in Canadian Literature and Studies, American Literature, Women's Writing and Feminist Studies, Cultural Studies, New Literatures in English and Literary Critical Theory. She has received various awards including the notable Faculty Mobility Award from Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and Ministry of Human Resource Development in 2017.	Gender and Nationalism: A Comparison through Select Texts Join at: meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho
24 March 2022 06:30pm-07:30 pm (IST) Prof. Neil ten Kortenaar, Professor and Chair, Department of English, University of Toronto, Canada	 Prof. Neil ten Kortenaar's research interests are African literature, Caribbean literature, South Asian literature, the relation of orality to writing, political philosophy and literature. His accomplishments include, President, CACLALS (Canadian Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies) 2007-2010. He was also a Director of the Centre for Comparative Literature, University of Toronto 2009-2015. He has received awards and grants including the SSHRC Insights and Connections grants, the Mellon grant for “Aesthetic Education” a collaboration between the Jackman Humanities Institute at the University of Toronto and the Centre for Humanities Research at the University of Western Cape. His current research focuses on imagining state formation in postcolonial literature from India, Africa, and the Americas.	Learning from the Global South to Read Literature: The Example of the African Novel Join at: meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho
25 March 2022 11:30-12:30 am (IST) 25 March 2022 02:30-03:30 pm (IST) Prof. R. Azhagarasan, Professor, Department of English, University of Madras, Chennai	 Prof. R. Azhagarasan is a bi-lingual scholar and he specializes in Cultural Studies, Translation and Post-colonial studies. He has more than 25 years of experience in the research and academia. His project on “Dalits and Colonial Question: An Anthology of Archival Material of Dalits in Colonial Tamil Nadu” was a pioneering work in the area of research. He has co-edited <i>Oxford Anthology of Tamil Dalit Writing</i> in 2012. He has translated <i>Poststructuralist</i> by Catherine Belsey into Tamil in 2009. He authored a book <i>Bakhti: Politics and Experience</i> , 2010.	From Comparative Literature to Culture Studies: A Shift from Bassnett to Simon During Join at: 11:30-12:30 am (IST) meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho Theatre as Pedagogic Practice: Function of Comparative Literature Join at: 02:30-03:30 pm (IST) meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho
25 March 2022 3:30 pm-4: 00pm (IST)	Valediction Ceremony Join at: meet.google.com/gfa-jtop-vho	

About the Lecture Series Coordinator:

Dr. Angkayarkan Vinayakaselvi has 22 years teaching and research experience. She specializes in Women and Feminist Studies, Comparative Literature and Culture Studies. She has participated in conferences including Northeast Modern Language Association Conference 2012 in USA and won Best Presentation award in International Conference on Language, Literature and Culture Studies, San Francisco, USA in 2018. Now she works as Associate Professor of English at Bharathidasan University. She is also the Director of the Centre for Canadian Studies of Bharathidasan University. She looks forward to conduct GIAN Course sponsored by MHRD, India, which has been postponed due to pandemic.



Co-ordinator of the lecture series:

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Online Platform: Google Meet